

**PARK BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019**

Chair Craig Kittel called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2019

Members Present: Craig Kittel, Jon Hailey, Mandi Erickson, and Dave Newman

Others Present: Jerry Klasen, Mike Darrow, and Noah Wiedenfeld

Members Absent: Brian Schroeder, Frank Norton, and Joe Ard

Jon Hailey moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mandi Erickson, motion carried.

Craig Kittel moved to approve the minutes of May 29, 2019, seconded by Jon Hailey, motion carried.

Public Business Items

None

Consent Agenda:

Park Donations:

- Reviewed the donations for disc golf, benches and outfield signs at Hatfield

Project Updates:

- Grading work started for the new park in Whispering Prairie

Unfinished Business:

Freedom Park Master Plan:

There were two firms interviewed for the Master Plan of Freedom Park. Mandi Erickson moved to hire SEH, Inc. for \$16,900.00 seconded by Jon Hailey, motion carried.

Project Approach & Preliminary Timeline:

1. Project meeting #1 with staff (August)
2. Data gathering and site analysis (August-September)
3. Alternatives development (September)
4. Public information meeting (September)
5. Develop draft report, renderings, precedent images, etc. (October)
6. Project meeting #2 with staff (October)
7. Final recommendations and report to Park Board (October)

Citizens Field Turf:

Baseball field will not be available for reservations beginning September 1st to allow City staff to rebuild the pitcher's mound and replace the infield sod. Outfield is still available for activities

Freedom Park Trail:

The ground breaking was in July. The northeast corner is wetland and needs permitting from the DNR. The cost for the permitting is an additional \$5,000 - \$7,000. Jon Hailey moved to approve the DNR permitting but not to exceed \$7,000, seconded by Dave Newman, motion carried.

Nature Center Improvements:

Noah shared some photos from the park. We have received quotes for the Buckthorn removal.

Applied Ecological Services – Prior Lake, MN

- Cutting and treating, piling material, burning, forestry mowing = \$4,519 per acre x 16 acres = \$72,304
- Follow-up foliar treatment every 3-5 years = \$6,819 per treatment
- Additional clean up of dead fall, piles, larger logs, brush, etc. available as “not to exceed” task

Prairie Restorations, Inc. – Scandia, MN

- Fall 2019: Herbicide treatment = \$3,568
- Winter 2019-2020: Forestry mowing, hand crews cutting, mulching = \$29,962
- Follow-up foliar treatment: \$4,923

No action taken at this time. City staff will see if there are any other organizations that might be interested in partnering on this project due to the cost, and bring back more information this fall.

New Business**Park Board Vacancies:**

Brian Schroeder resigned after 6 years of service and Frank Norton resigned after 16 years. Brian Schroeder’s vacancy will be offered to Rose Kosin. If she accepts and is approved by the City Council, she would join the Park Board in August. Mandi Erickson will replace Frank as the School District representative. We will continue to accept applications from citizens who are interested in filling the remaining vacancy. We have promoted this on social media, and several citizens have expressed an interest in filling the vacant position.

Announcements:

The storage building is going up at Freedom Park, check it out. Noah has the lease agreements ready to be signed by the youth sports associations. New signs are being placed for trails and parks. Dave Newman was welcomed to the committee.

Jon Hailey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mandi Erickson, motion carried.

The meeting of the Park Board adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by

Marie Bannink

City Secretary

